

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 ALLAN J. STAHL, M.D.

4 Holder of License No. 20347  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-11-1457A

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND  
AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

7 Allan J. Stahl, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a  
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand; admits the  
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order  
10 by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 20347 for the practice of  
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-11-1457A after receiving Respondent's  
17 2011 license renewal application in which he disclosed that he was issued a public  
18 reprimand by the Nevada Medical Board for erroneously placing a pacemaker in the  
19 incorrect ventricle resulting in the patient's demise.

20 4. On February 22, 2010, a 78 year-old patient presented to Summerlin  
21 Hospital for elective placement of a permanent pacemaker. Respondent inadvertently  
22 placed the left ventricle and failed to recognize the incorrect placement. He made multiple  
23 attempts to place the atrial lead, which was inserted, repositioned, and removed. After  
24 almost two hours, the atrial lead was finally inserted and remained off. A lead revision was  
25 planned for the following day. The patient subsequently expired.

5. The Nevada Board found that Respondent missed at least six signs/symptoms that indicated problems with the pacemaker placement during the course of the attempted placement. On December 2, 2011, Respondent entered into a settlement agreement with the Nevada Board for a public reprimand. Respondent was required to pay the costs incurred of the investigation totaling \$1,541.09, and to obtain 10 hours of CME in pacemaker placement. The reprimand stated that Respondent failed to utilize reasonable care, skill and/or knowledge.

6. In addition to his Arizona and Nevada medical licenses, Respondent holds an active, unrestricted medical license in California.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction.")

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

1 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 7th day of June, 2012.

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3 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

4 By [Signature]

5 Lisa S. Wynn  
6 Executive Director

7 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

8 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the  
9 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent  
10 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

11 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely  
12 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

13 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to  
14 a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge  
15 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action  
16 related thereto or arising from said Order.

17 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its  
18 Executive Director.

19 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
20 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
21 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
22 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
23 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
24 any other state or federal court.

25 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)  
to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of


1 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
2 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
3 by the parties.

4 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
5 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data  
6 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

7 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the  
8 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

9 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a  
10 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,  
11 prejudgment or other similar defense.

12 10. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result  
13 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation,  
14 consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive  
15 director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

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18 Allan J. Stahl, M.D.

DATED: 5/30/12

19 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
20 this 24th day of June, 2012 to:

21 Allan J. Stahl, M.D.  
22 Address of Record

23 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
24 this 24th day of June 2012 with:  
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